Vocational and Welfare Training Camp in the Trivandrum Division.

377. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of vocational and welfare training camps conducted by the Vocational and Welfare Officer of the Education Department in each year from the time the officer was appointed;

(*b*) the number of teachers trained in each of these camps;

(*c*) the period during which each batch was in camp:

(*d*) the amount of money spent by Government for each of these camps;

(*e*) the names of schools from where teachers were taken for training;

(*f*) whether welfare and vocational work has been started in all or any of these schools; and

(*g*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the affirmative, the names of the schools where the work has been started?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON:

(*a*) 1115— Preliminary survey of conditions and possibilities.
1116—Four Camps.
1117—Three Camps.

(*b*)

1116—Camp	I	25	Teachers.
,,	II	40	do.
,,	III	34	do.
,,	IV	35	do.
1117 ,,	I	35	do.
,,	II	40	do.
,,	III	40	do.

(*c*) Twelve days.

(*d*)

Camp	I	S. Rs. 347-23- 5
,,	II	524-14-10
,,	III	474-18-11
,,	IV	461- 1- 9
,,	V	605-26-10
,,	VI	Amount sanctioned is Rs. 650 for each camp. Accounts not yet made up as the actual expenditure has not been computed.

(*e*) Lists are laid on the Secretary's table.

(*f*) Yes, in all the schools.

(*g*) The lists referred to in the answer to part (*e*) contain the names of the Schools.

Vocational and Welfare Training Camp in the Trivandrum Division.

378. *MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any vocational and welfare training camp was conducted anywhere else than in the Trivandrum Division; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

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MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) No. The three training courses intended for the teachers of Quilon Division were originally planned to be held somewhere in Quilon Division. But these came ultimately to be held in the Capital.

(*b*) The following are the reasons for such change of venue:

(i) The teachers came up for training from 8 taluks in Quilon Division. It was felt that it would be a splendid opportunity to give them first hand instruction and practice in the A. R. P. measures, First-Aid and allied practices to meet any emergency in the present war conditions and to be serviceable to their own localities and that this object could be achieved successfully if these camps were held in the Capital of the State. As a matter of fact, it was possible to get the Chief A. R. P. Controller and other trained A. R. P. Officers, Police Officers and qualified and experienced Medical Officers to come and give intensive instruction to the campers in the various topics.

(ii) The Camp Officer and his Assistants being also Honorary A. R. P. Officers in definite charge of some items of work in the organisation in Trivandrum, it was felt advisable to enable them to conduct the courses, and at the same time make themselves available, in Trivandrum, for any A. R. P. service, should an emergency arise.

Cultivation of Soya Beans.

379 *MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the cultivation of soya beans is being encouraged by Gove nment; and

(*b*) if so, in what all places, and the total extent of the area in which it is now cultivated in the State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) All over the State. The exact extent of the area cultivated is not known.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the soil and climate of Travancore are suitable for the cultivation of Soya Beans?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know the nature of the encouragement given by Government for its cultivation?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Seeds are distributed throughout the State and the necessary advice for the cultivation of this crop is given to the people.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there is a market for this produce?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is intended for ordinary consumption within the State at this stage.

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